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SUBJ: DA PERSONNEL IN KUWAIT

1. IT IS ASSUMED THAT SOME FORM OF WEAPONS SYSTEM LIAISON OFFICE/PROJECT OFFICE OF SOME TYPE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH HAWK PROJECT. THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES THIS EFFORT ONLY. OTHER POTENTIAL PROGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MESSAGE.

2. THERE IS AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF HOUSING IN KUWAIT. ALSO, FURNITURE REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO AMERICAN FAMILIES IS IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY AND THEN AT COSTS WHICH ARE TOTALLY UNREASONABLE. EMBASSY HAS FOUND THAT IT IS COST EFFECTIVE TO PROCURE FURNITURE IN CONUS AND SHIP (SURFACE) TO KUWAIT RATHER THAN PROCURE LOCALLY. FURTHER, OUR ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT USE OF A SET IF FURNITURE BY TWO USERS IS COST EFFECTIVE AS COMPARED WITH SHIPMENT OF PRIVATELY OWNED FURNITURE. EMBASSY IS OF OPINION THAT USLO TO BE ESTABLISHED WILL BE REQUIRED FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION FROM VIEWPOINT OF USG, GOK AND INDIVIDUALS ASSIGNED IS PROCUREMENT OF ONE SET

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OF FURNITURE PER INDIVIDUAL AND APPROPRIATE QUARTERS LEASED AND

FURNISHED. REPIDLY RISING RENTALS AND UNCERTAINTIES RENDER PRIVATE LEASES INADVISEABLE.

3. EMBASSY INSISTS THAT THE SAME STANDARDS OF HOUSING, ETC., APPLY TO ALL USG PERSONNEL OF EQUIVALENT RANK/GRADE/RATING REGARDLESS OF AGENCY. THE STANDARD WHICH WILL BE APPLIED IS THE EXISTING STATE DEPARTMENT STANDARD. SINCE DOD PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED WILL BE ON A REIMBURSEABLE BASIS (BY GOK) AND THIS STANDAEED IS DEMONSTRABLE TO GOK BY USG FUNDED PRACTICE, THE EMBASSY ASSUMES THERE WILL BE NO OBJECTIONS. SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER PRESENT CONSIDERS THESE STANDARDS ADEQUATE CONSIDERING LOCAL SOCIAL CONDITIONS, CLIMATE, ETC.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, SURFACE SHIPMENT TAKES SIX TO NINE MONTHS (THIS MAY BE DECREASED TO 90 DAYS BY CONUS EXPEDITING) AND IS GENERALLY THE TIME PACING ELEMENT IN ESTABLISHING AN AMERICAN FAMILY.

5. FOLLOWING TYPICAL COST ESTIMATE FOR A LTC/MAJ/GS-12/13/14 AR PROVIDED:

FURNITURE	\$5974
PACKING	1832
PIER DELIVERY	205
SHIPPING	7821
DRAPERIES	1075
APPLIANCES	2890
APPLIANCE	
INSTALLATION	180
TRANSFORMERS	250
KITCHEN/STORAGE CABINETS	\$900
PAINTING, CLEANING, ETC.	\$425

TOTAL \$21,552.00

6. REQUEST PROVIDE PLANNING DATES FOR ARRIVAL OF DA PERSONNEL. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS MESSAGE, DA PERSONNEL ARE DEFINED AS DA-SPONSORED PERSONNEL, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, WHO ARE ENTITLED TO OFFICIAL (RED) PASSPORTS. REGARDLESS OF DATES DESIRED, COUNTRY CLEARANCE WILL NOT BE GRANTED UNTIL ADEQUATE QUARTERS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE AVAILABLE.

7. MATTER OF IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, ETC., IS BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED WITH GOK. ASSUME THAT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF ANY PERSONNEL.

8. REQUEST PROVIDE TIME-PHASED PLANNING INFORMATION FOR ARRIVAL OF DA PERSONNEL.

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